

# Preston Grange Primary School



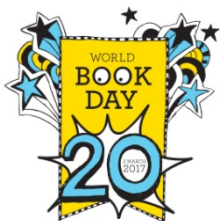
Newsletter - February 7th 2017

## Attendance

The Local Authority has provided schools with a set of letters from the Department for Education, for dealing with attendance issues. The letters are triggered when a child's attendance dips below the minimum acceptable percentage. Parents are invited into school to discuss their child's attendance, and this is closely monitored on an ongoing basis once the trigger point has been reached. Please note, these are DfE letters and we have no option but to send these once a trigger point has been hit. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Free family pool day

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March Hadrian Leisure Centre is hosting a free pool day, where there will be free swimming for all, free taster swimming lessons, free giant inflatable, toys and floats. Please see @NTCLeisure or phone 6432025 for details & times or book a session.



## Advanced Notice

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, it is World Book Day. We will be having a Roald Dahl themed day in school and will be asking the children to come into school wearing a costume depicting a Roald Dahl book this year. A letter about World Book Day will be sent home with the children shortly, from Miss Daley, English subject leader.

## Safer Internet Day

Today has been Safer Internet Day, and we have been delighted to have had the support from EE, very kindly arranged by Donna Gibson, Mum of Erin in Year 3. Staff from EE have worked in classes from Year 1 to 6, sharing key important messages about keeping safe on the internet. They are also running an after school session for parents and families. All are welcome! We are very grateful for their time and support, and to Donna Gibson for organising these valuable sessions for the children!

## Career speed dating event

This afternoon, we have had a 'career speed dating' event for our Year 5 and 6 children. This was arranged through North Tyneside Learning Trust, of which our school is a member. People from 9 companies came into school, and the children had to try and work out what their career was. The children had prepared questions in

advance of the session, and had only 3 minutes with each employer. The children gained a great deal of enjoyment from trying to guess what peoples' jobs were. Thank you to all of the employers for their time, and many thanks to North Tyneside Learning Trust for arranging this very successful event for our children.

### **Reduced price tickets for Newcastle Eagles**

School has been offered some reduced price tickets for the Newcastle Eagles basketball game on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The tip off is at 7.30pm.



We are asking that if any of our families would like to go to the game, that they complete the slip at the bottom of the newsletter. The price will reduce with the more families and children that we can sell. An approximate price is £7 per ticket, but this may alter ever so slightly. We would be grateful for your slips by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February thanks. The ticket price will be confirmed by text to parents on the last day before half term once we have an idea of how many would like tickets.

### **Readathon**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are having a sponsored reading/listening event from 27<sup>th</sup> February - 5<sup>th</sup> March. The idea is that the children will read or listen to reading every day and collect sponsorship money for new books for school. Usborne will also donate more money so the school will get even more books for free! We'd be grateful if you could encourage your child to read or listen to reading every day. They can read to someone else or read on their own. We ask if you can collect some sponsorship, which in turn will turn our fundraising efforts into books for school from Usborne. The children will be told about the event in assembly on Monday next week, and will bring the form home.

### **After school clubs**

Your child will bring home tonight a letter about next half term's after school clubs. Please return the form if your child would like to participate by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February thanks, along with the money in a clearly marked envelope if there is a cost to the club.

### **Dates for your diary**

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - Hoops 4 Health at Lakeside - Year 5  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year 1 multi-skills JSCHS  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year 2 multi-skills JSCHS  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - Valentine discos (pm) - see flier from FOPG  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - RNLI water safety presentation  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Break up for half term  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - children return to school

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2017

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NEWCASTLE EAGLES TICKETS - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

I would be interested in attending the Eagles game Yes / No

I would require \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the game.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's year group \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017